

5 Sweet Gum *Liquidambar styraciflua*

Native to the eastern USA, this species is prized for its vibrant and long-lasting autumn colours. This particular specimen is about 20m tall with a spread of 15-20m, putting it at the upper end of the size it can reach in a cultivated environment.

6 Western Red Cedar *Thuja Plicata*

Known to many Wellingtonians simply as "The Big Tree", this impressive red cedar is an imposing presence. It covers a large area with its heavy lower branches resting on the ground. Western red cedars can reach up to 65 metres tall and some specimens have lived for over 1000 years. It makes us wonder, just how much bigger will this behemoth grow?

From this point, take walk through the rock garden and enjoy the waterfall. The rock garden and pond are a central feature of the design of the park and their construction was described at length in the national horticultural publication "The Garden" on 18 April 1903.

7 Weeping Willow *Salix Babylonica*

Characterised by its wide crown of weeping branches, this tree stands guard over the pond in the south west of the park.

Weeping Willows generally only live to be 75 years old so this

specimen is doing fantastically well at over 100 years old! Weeping willows prefer moist conditions so this spot near the pond is perfect for its health.



8 Common Lime *Tilia x Europea*

Also known as European Linden, this hybrid species can be found all across Europe and the UK, though it is rare to find in the wild. These trees have been planted and carefully pollarded in a uniform grid on either side of the bandstand in Wellington Park to offer shade to those enjoying music.

9 Magnolia *Magnolia Kobus*

A Japanese species, this trio of Magnolia Kobus trees form a lovely canopy in this part of Wellington Park, showcasing pinkish white blossoms in mid spring.

10 Blue Atlas Cedar *Cedrus Atlantica*

Native to the Atlas mountains of Morocco, this cultivar has a distinct bluish hue to its foliage. This tree will have been chosen for its striking size and colouring to act as a focal point in this area of the park. This particular specimen has reached its full height at over 20 metres tall.

11 English Oak *Quercus Robur*

This oak tree is one of the few specimens that we have an exact date of planting. As detailed on its plaque, this tree was planted June 22nd 1911 by Lloyd Howard Fox for the Coronation of King George V.

This tree has never been pollarded so is a wonderful example of the natural size and shape of an oak that is over 110 years old.



12 Sweet Cherry *Prunus Avium*

This tree is much-loved as it has been carefully shaped to be short but with a broad spread. In spring it has fluffy white blossoms that are some of the first to bloom.



Wellington Park Tree Trail



The historic Wellington Park has a number of notable trees, use this guide to learn more about them!



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This Grade II listed Edwardian park is the jewel of Wellington, welcoming residents and visitors for over 120 years. The park was built to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII in 1903, on land that was donated by the town's largest employers, Fox Brothers.

The park was designed by F.W. Meyer of Robert Veitch and Sons and is a well-preserved example of a formal Edwardian garden.

The trees of Wellington Park were chosen carefully by Meyer and subsequent owners and have flourished over the past century. This trail explores some of the most interesting specimens in the park, sharing information on their history and significance.



1 London Plane *Platanus Hispanica*
This avenue was once lined with beech trees that formed the driveway to the now demolished Wellington House. These trees were over mature by the time Wellington Park was built in 1903 and were subsequently replaced by the London Planes we see here today. London Planes are a common sight in urban areas due to their adaptability and resistance to pollution.

2 Accolade Cherry *Prunus Accolade*
This tree was chosen by the last member of the Wellington RBL Women's Section, Madge Covey. This species is a cultivar and was developed to be ornamental. In spring it produces beautiful pink blossoms.

3 Red Oak *Quercus Rubra*
Native to North America, these fast-growing trees provide stunning autumn colour. Though they are not as valuable to wildlife as native oaks, they are used by nesting birds and pollinators.

4 Wellingtonia *Sequoiadendron giganteum*
Planted in 2022, this tree is part of the Queen's Green Canopy, a UK-wide tree planting initiative that was created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. A Wellingtonia tree was chosen as the species is named after the famous Duke of Wellington, whose name came from this town. This tree is still small for now, but Wellingtonias can grow to a staggering 90 metres!

On your way to the next tree, take some time to admire the fountain and the geometric planting design that surrounds it.